To

Sri Krishnaraja Wodeyar Bahadur
G.C.S.I., G.C.B.E.,
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Mysore.

May it please Your Highness,

I most respectfully beg permission to approach Your Highness with a prayer that a manifesto issued yesterday by the Crown Press without any signature under the name of the "Prajamitra Mandali" be immediately sent for and carefully perused. All good people of all communities are, I think, entitled to the protection of Government. All bad people should be kept under control. Law and order should be maintained at all costs. The way the mob behaved near Mr. Vardhamaniah's mill the day before yesterday shows how law and order are trampled underfoot. If people are dissatisfied with any law and order, they must first implicitly obey it and then appeal to Your Highness and get it repealed. People should not be permitted to take the law into their own hands. I beg Your Highness will graciously order that the matter should be inquired into thoroughly. Law and order must be made a source of fear and not at all a butt of laughter. The Prajamitra Mandali manifesto seems to me to be the beginning of a revolt which cannot but give the greatest pain to Your Highness. It should be nipped in the bud. Some of the members of Your Highness' Government are creating forces which they will be unable to control. People have greater and more implicit confidence in Your Highness' wisdom than in that of some of Your Highness' short-tempered and vindictive

ministers. I feel that it is my duty to place these views before Your Highness. I beg to assure Your Highness that I am one of those who feel very keenly the rise of lawlessness all over the State. It is very easy to restore perfect equilibrium by the adoption of benevolent measures, measures calculated to bring contentment and happiness to all without favour to one community and disfavour to another. The creation of bad blood leads to consequences which are too fearful to contemplate. People blessed with intelligence and accustomed to take long views become amenable to reason; but people who are not blessed with intelligence and are under the influence of their lower passions should be governed by the exercise of what is known as 'Raja Danda'. I, therefore, crave immediate attention to the manifesto in question and to

what took place at the Ediga. They may appear to be trifles. I am, however, of opinion that these trifles, if not nipped in the bud, will, before long, obtain magnificient proportions and lead to conflicts which may give cause for the Sumpreme Government to interfere. There are among the retired Dewans, Councillors and other high officers of the State as well as among the retired dignitaries of India, friends and well-wishers of your Highness. They may be summoned for some "At Home" or other and their opinion be taken, if necessary, before taking any action in the matter. I beg leave to submit to Your Highness that all our flatterers are not our friends and well-wishers and that all our critics are not our enemies. When we are flattered we should suspect the motives of our flatterers, and when we are criti-

cised, we should suspect ourselves and see whether we are in the right. Your Highness is fully aware of the truth of these maxims. It is this that has been encouraging me to place my views before Your Highness without mincing matters. It is the duty of devoted servants to sacrifice themselves, if necessary, for the welfare of ~~their Sovereigns~~. I, therefore, place these sentiments before Your Highness and trust they will receive Your Highness' careful consideration.

With utmost respect and esteem
I beg to remain
Your Highness' most obedient and loyal servant.

Mysore
17.8.21.

M Venkatakrishnayya